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Unified Work Program (UWP) Committee Minutes

February 27, 2014 9:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning DuPage County Conference Room 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, Illinois 60606

Committee Members

Present (*Alternate): Dolores Dowdle (CMAP), Jay Ciavarella (RTA), Caitlyn Costello

(Metra), Kevin O'Malley (CTA) Lorraine Snorden (Pace), Gene

Williams (Regional Council of Mayors), Thomas Rickert

(Counties), John Donovan (FHWA), David Seglin (CDOT), Tony

Greep (FTA), Tom Radak (Pace)

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Yesenia Ambriz, John Allen, Jesse Elam,

Tom Murtha, Bob Dean,

Others Present: Adrienne Wuellner (PACE), Tammy Wierciak (WCMC) (via

phone), Valbona Kokoshi (LCDot), Chalen Daigle (McCom)

Jennifer Beeker (KKCom)

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

No changes to agenda

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-February 20, 2014

The minutes for February 20, 2014 were approved as presented.

4.0 FY 2015 UWP Competitive Proposal

Each of the following competitive proposals were presented by the sponsoring agency and discussed by the committee.

<u>CMAP</u>/suballocation to RTA - Local Planning Assistance - Community Planning <u>Program</u>- This project will provide grants and consultant assistance to local governments to undertake planning activities that integrate transportation - particularly transit - with land use and housing. These grants will be available for planning activities as well as updates and reviews of local development regulations. Projects will be selected through a competitive application process administered jointly by CMAP and the RTA. This level of funding will support approximately 8-10 local plans.

<u>CDOT - Chicago Bicycle Plan for 2030</u>- The CBP 2030 will replace Chicago's Bike 2015 Plan and provide policy recommendations for successfully integrating bicycle travel into a balanced transportation network that promotes safe, enjoyable, healthy and affordable travel for all users. This plan will support the Go TO 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan's goals of reducing congestion, creating and sustaining a world class transportation system, improving mobility, lowering emissions, and promoting alternative transportation modes such as transit, walking and bicycling.

CDOT - CREATE Program Planning Support - Passenger and Commuter Rail -The CBP 2030 will replace Chicago's Bike 2015 Plan and provide policy recommendations for successfully integrating bicycle travel into a balanced transportation network that promotes safe, enjoyable, healthy and affordable travel for all users. This plan will support the Go TO 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan's goals of reducing congestion, creating and sustaining a world class transportation system, improving mobility, lowering emissions, and promoting alternative transportation modes such as transit, walking and bicycling.

<u>CDOT - Livable Streets Plan - This project involves the development of a city-wide</u> liveable streets master plan. The plan will overlay existing and planned streetscape projects with recommendations from Chicago's Pedestrian Plan and Chicago's Streets for Cycling Plan as well as from local neighborhood improvement plans. The plan will identify safety needs and missing links in commercial corridors in order to assist the City of Chicago on where to direct capital funding in order to bolster economic development while improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

<u>CTA - Automating Special Transit Services</u> - The goal of this project is fully automate the dispatching and assignment of CTA special (supplemental) bus and rail service. Currently, CTA issues over 1,000 bulletins or extra assignments of special bus and train service annually. These extra assignments are entered into the dispatch and pay system manually, requiring duplicative effort despite even though the data exists in the scheduling software. This project will fund an upgrade in scheduling software to fully automate the process of filling extra service and thereby reduce overhead costs.

Metra - Feasibility study for the use of natural gas as a fuel source for Metra's locomotives - The purpose of this study is to investigate the feasibility of converting Metra's existing locomotive fuel source from diesel fuel to natural gas. This will include the evaluation of a dual fuel conversion as well as a complete natural gas conversion. The study will focus on the most economic and efficient fit to Metra's operating system. The study will include the environmental impact, safety hazards, locomotive

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performance, cost, regulatory issues and infrastructure analysis of implementing this conversion.

<u>Pace - Greater Elgin/N. Kane County Origin-Destination Study</u> - This project conducts an Origin-Destination survey of current and potential transit users in the greater Elgin, IL area. The results of the survey will be used to design transit service changes in the greater Elgin area which better match changing travel patterns, improve efficiency, improve coordination of transit services, and improve the coordination between transportation and land use.

<u>Pace - Pace/CTA North Shore Transit Service Coordination Plan</u> - To review and coordinate Pace and CTA services in the North Shore area, specifically services serving Evanston and Skokie, to reduce duplication of service, optimize routes and schedules, and to ensure efficient allocation of scarce transit resources. The review shall include an evaulation of route statistics and productivity as well as a review of journey to work data for the study area.

<u>Pace - Pace ADA Paratransit Customer Satisfaction Survey/Pace Vanpool Customer Satisfaction Survey</u> - Pace is seeking a qualified Contractor to conduct a Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) Study of Pace's Vanpool, and ADA Paratransit services. The overarching goal of the study is to provide continued evaluation of service performance through the eyes of Pace customers so transportation needs can be met, loyalty strengthened, and ridership increased.

<u>Pace - Will County-Naperville/Warrenville Fixed Route Planning Study</u> -A market analysis of current travel patterns and corridor analysis to investigate the feasibility of a fixed route transit service in the Will County-Naperville/Warrenville corridor and to make alignment recommendations.

RTA - Performance Based Capital Prioritization - The 2012 RTA Asset Condition Assessment report has yielded capital reinvestment needs at an estimated \$33 billion over the next ten years to attain a state of good repair (SGR). This proposal is seeking funding for the extension of current RTA Asset Management oversight framework to correlate with the FTA's Performance Based Planning and prioritization focus. This application, as a component within COST, will further utilize its data and capabilities and enable RTA to perform risk-based analysis and performance-based capital planning and programing.

<u>RTA - Stable Funding for Paratransit Systems</u> - The goal of the study is to use a regional focus to identify a consistent and stable funding source for paratransit systems operating in the collar counties.

RTA - Connecting Transit and Public Health - This project will develop a regional, action-oriented plan addressing the emerging policy area of the impacts of transit on public health through implementing best practices in how a robust transit sytem improves public health. The plan will be a collaborative process among the RTA, its three service boards, representatives from the public health community and other regional groups. The final plan will address how the region can capitalize on the transit-

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public health connection, including new partnerships, planning and marketing initiatives.

5.0 Public Comment

No public comment.

6.0 Next Meeting - March 20, 2014 at 9:00 AM

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Dowdle, CMAP

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